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Dear Mr. Goida:

Thank you for your letter to Ms. Alice Gimeno and me dated March 5, 2004 requesting a clarification of the Cortese List status of the Fort MacArthur Upper Reservation in San Pedro, California. The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has also received a map from the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) showing the areas investigated for hazardous substance releases on this former military facility in relation to an outdoor school project proposed by LAUSD. This project may include dormitories, family quarters for personnel, offices, a small museum, and other support facilities.

Former military activities at the 175-acre Fort MacArthur Upper Reservation were for coastal defense purposes, which took place from 1910 to 1975. There were numerous fixed and mobile artillery batteries and various structures for housing, training, administration, and other activities. Support areas included several landfills and an incinerator. Areas for troop training included a tear gas training building, a jungle warfare area, and a practice hand grenade area.

Because of its past military history and use, the Fort MacArthur Upper Reservation property has been the subject of hazardous waste investigations conducted by the Department of Defense. Most of these investigations were in an area known as Operable Unit B. This area had three landfills shown on the LAUSD map known as LF36, LF37 and LF38; and SS39, which were miscellaneous soil locations. On May 28, 1997, DTSC and the Regional Water Quality Control Board concurred with a No Further Action conclusion for Operable Unit B.

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